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1. THIS WEEK HAS BROUGHT SOME FURTHER PRESSURE BY PUBLIC WORKS
AND FINANCE MINISTRY AUTHORITIES IN CADIZ FOR PAYMENT OF THE G-3
TARIFF BY THE U.S. ARMY TERMINAL AND BY SPANISH AGENTS OF U.S.
SHIPPING LINES. FOCUS HAS SHIFTED FROM PRESENTATION OF BILLS
TO FORMAL NOTIFICATION THAT, IF PAYMENT IS NOT MADE WITHIN 24
HOURS, EMBARGO OF POSSESSIONS WILL FOLLOW. THE U.S. ARMY
TERMINAL AT CADIZ WAS ITSELF AMONG THE RECIPIENTS OF SUCH
NOTICES ON APRIL 7.

2. THE 24-HOUR DEADLINES HAVE PASSED IN ALL CASES WITHOUT ANY
PREJUDICIAL ACTION BEING TAKEN. HOWEVER, A FEW AGENTS HAVE, WE
BELIEVE, MADE SOME PAYMENTS AS A RESULT OF THIS PRESSURE.

3. WE HAVE MADE STRENUOUS ORAL OBJECTIONS TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NORTH AMERICAN AND PACIFIC
AFFAIRS (DURAN). HE IN TURN HAS RAISED THE MATTER AT A HIGH
LEVEL IN THE FINANCE MINISTRY AND HAS TODAY ASSURED US THAT NO
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MOVE WILL IN FACT BE TAKEN TO INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATIONS OF

THE U.S. ARMY TERMINAL OR OF THE AGENTS OF AMERICAN SHIPPING
LINES AT CADIZ. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM THE U.S. ARMY TERMINAL
THAT THE PORT DIRECTOR AT CADIZ HAS NOW RECEIVED NEW
INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALTHOUGH WE
DO NOT YET KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT THESE ARE.

4. IN ORDER TO REINFORCE THE EXPRESSION OF OUR CONCERN ON THIS
MATTER, WE INTEND TO APPROACH DIRECTLY POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS
IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.
WITH ALL CONTACTS, WE CONTINUE TO PRESS THE ADVISABILITY OF
EARLY NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE G-3 PROBLEM.
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